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SUBJ: CONTINENTAL AFRICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CACC)

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1. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION RE SUBJECT ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO CACC SPOKESMAN (MR. HECTOR), ORGANIZATION FOUNDED FOUR YEARS AGO, LOCATED ORIGINALLY IN CHICAGO, THEN IN WASHINGTON, NOW NEW YORK. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SEMINARS AND TOURS TO PROMOTE TRADE AND BUSINESS COOPERATION. HECTOR SAYS CACC RUN BY AFRICANS AND CLAIMS GOOD SUPPORT FROM AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN U.S.

2. CACC'S PRINCIPAL, OHENE DARKO, LEFT U.S. MAY 30 ON TRIP TO SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING ZAMBIA). MAJOR PURPOSE APPARENTLY IS TO ASK O.A.U. FOR FUNDS. PRESUMABLY, DARKO WILL ENLIGHTEN ZINCOM DIRECTOR IN PERSON RE CONFERENCE MENTIONED REFTEL (WHICH HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR).

3. CACC TO SEND COMMERCE BACKGROUND INFO ON ORGANIZATION. WILL FORWARD SAME TO EMBASSY BY POUCH.
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4. DARKO BELIEVED TO BE YOUND CHANAEAN NATIONAL, APPARENTLY HAS REPUTATION OF PROPOSING GRANDIOSE SCHEMES WITHOUT ALWAYS DELIVERING. CACC MAY BE SAME ORGANIZATION, RENAMED, AS THE INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ALSO HEADED BY DARKO. RECOMMEND EMBASSY SUGGEST TO ZINCOM THAT COMPLETE CREDIT CHECK SHOULD BE RUN ON CACC BEFORE ENTERING ANY ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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